* Case No. 90-315-SPH

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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Petitioners

The Petitio ers herein request a special hearing to approve the use of the subject property as a parking area for commercial vehicles in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioners, by Kenneth T. Bosley, appeared and testified. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition was Bennie Richard Delawder, Contract Lessee. The following individuals appeared as Protestants in the matter: Monita Cooke, Jimmy Edmunds, Paul A. Hupfer, and Richard G.

Testimony indicated that the subject property consists of 0.1820 acres, more or less, zoned R.C. 4 and is presently unimproved but for a portion of its having a gravel surface. Petitioner testified he leases the subject property to Mr. Delawder who owns and operates a tree service company. Testimony indicated that as a result of a complaint filed with the Zoning Office, Petitioner was advised to file the instant Petition for permission to continue such use.

Mr. Bosley testified that the subject property has been in his family since the mid 1800's, during which time it was the site of a mill with four mill houses across the street, one of which is currently rented

been used as a parking lot for school buses and trucks of all types at various times over the past 50 years. He further testif ed that from time to time, Baltimore County as well as the State Highway Administration has used the subject property to park commercial vehicles during times of construction in the area.

Mr. Delawder testified he lives across the street from the subject property and has been storing commercial vehicles and equipment relative to his tree service company on the site for approximately the past 2 years. Initially, said parking was without the permission of Petitioner and sometimes only along the side of the road. He testified his company is in the business of trimming and removing trees and stumps, as well as planting and landscaping. Mr. Delawder testified that currently the equipment stored on the property consists of 1 dump truck, 1 GMC Crane truck, 2 to 3 chippers, 2 to 3 stump riders, a couple of 4-wheel drive trucks, and a personal recreational vehicle (camper). He stated that the vehicles and equipment stored on the property are of considerable value and that because he resides across from the site, he is able to guard the property from any potential theft or vandalism. Mr. Delawder testified he was robbed three times in the past. Further testimony indicated that the property was paved with crusher run material some years ago and that the front section was resurfaced a few years ago to keep the road clear from equipment dragging mud onto the street. Mr. Delawde: testified that his use of the property is limited to the storage and parking of commerbeen in business for himself for the past 40 years and that prior to

the tree service business, he was in paving and construction. However, as a result of a heart attack in 1975, he got out of the construction business and began the tree service operation with his son and brother. Prior to his using the subject property, Mr. Delawder stored the vehicles on York Road. Mr. Delawder further testified that in his opinion, the use of the property as a parking area for his commercial vehicles and equipment does not conflict with the requirements in Section 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and that there is no detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community.

Mr. Edmunds appeared and testified as a Protestant on behalf of the Greater Sparks Glencoe Community Council. He stated he is Chairman of the Environment Committee and that they are opposed to the relief requested for environmental concerns as the subject property is close to Western Run and is located in a flood plain. Mr. Edmunds further testified the crusher run paving will eventually seep into the ground and adversely affect ground water and surface water. He stated that during heavy rains, oil lubricants from the subject property drain off into Western Run.

Ms. Cooke testified she lives on Thornton Mill Road and is concerned that the subject use will result in a decrease of her property's value. She indicated she moved to the area in 1986. Ms. Cooke testified that it was only approximately one year ago that she noticed commercial vehicles being parked on the subject site.

Mr. Hupfer testified as a Protestant on behalf of the Greater Sparks Glencoe Community Council that he is familiar with the site and the site has only been used to store commercial vehicles for the past or 8 months. He testified that he is opposed to the use proposed as a result of the property being environmentally sensitive and that in his

opinion, the use constitutes a contractors storage yard or trucking facility which is not permitted in a residential zone.

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use is permitted under the zoning regulations. While some of the testimony would indicate that the use of the subject property for parking and storage of commercial vehicles and equipment has occurred over the years, there was no evidence such use was uninterrupted as required by Section 104 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). The Petitioner has not established a nonconforming use for same nor has he applied for such use.

The proposed use will be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality and would be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification and inconsistent with the spirit

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the relief requested in the special hearing should be denied. Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the

relief requested in the special hearing should be denied. THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this Lotted day of March, 1990 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve the use of the subject property as a parking area for commercial vehicles, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1,

> 6- MW- trawing ANN M. NASTAROWICZ Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

G COMMISSIONER OF BALTEMORE COUNTY:

legal owner(s)

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve _____

parking of commercial vehicles on the Thornton Mill propertyby a determination from the Zoning Commissioner. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon the ing of this Petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. We do solemnly declare and affect,

under the penalties of perjury, that twe are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s): Contract Purchaser: Kenneth T. Bosley, Et. Ux. Bennie R. DeLawder, T/A County Tree (Type or Print Name) Termis Rac Jan deil Phyllis B. Bosley 13816 York Road, Sparks, Mi. 21152 19/3n City and State Attorney for Petitioner: (Legal Owners) Kenneth T. Bosley Sparks. Md. 21152 City and State

Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this _____ day

Law of Baltimore County, in two news, apers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning

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090-315-SPH

November 4, 1989

DESCRIPTION OF 0.1820 ACRE PARCEL, PART OF BOSLEY PROPERTY, TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR PARKING IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Beginning for the same at a point in the centerline of Thornton Mill Road paving at a distance of 124 feet measured along said centerline from the western edge of paving of York Road; thence leaving said Thornton Mill Road for three new lines of division, the following courses and distances:

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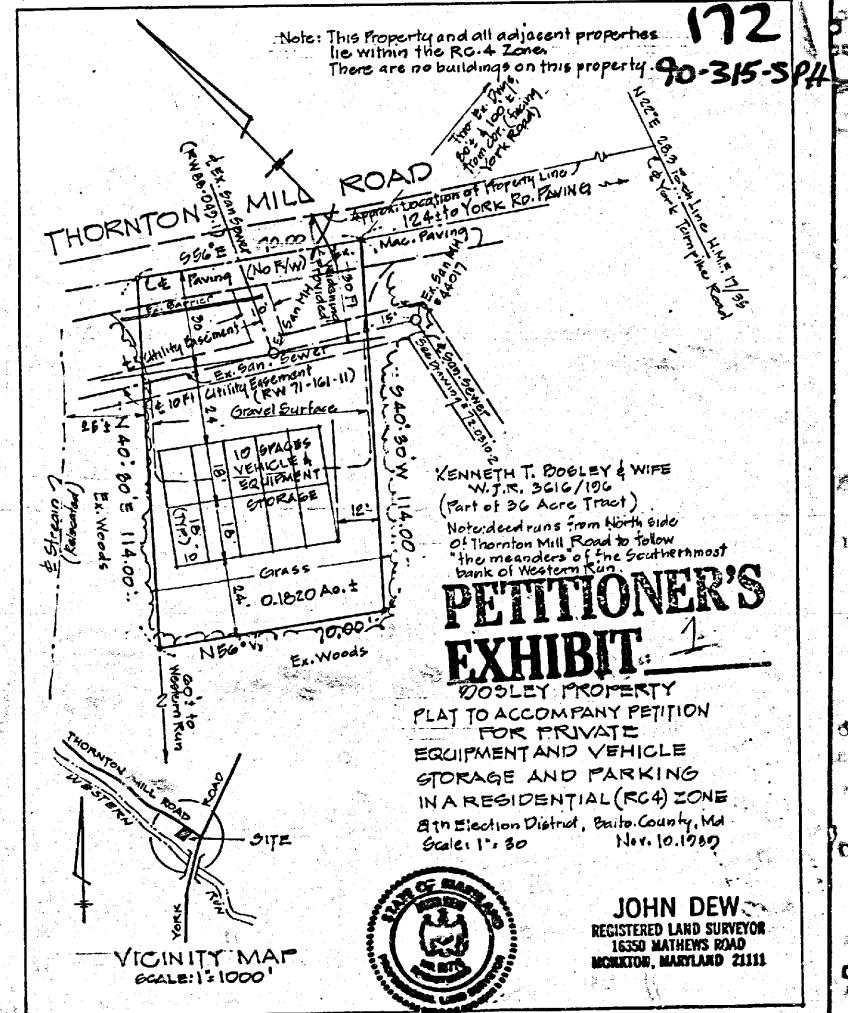
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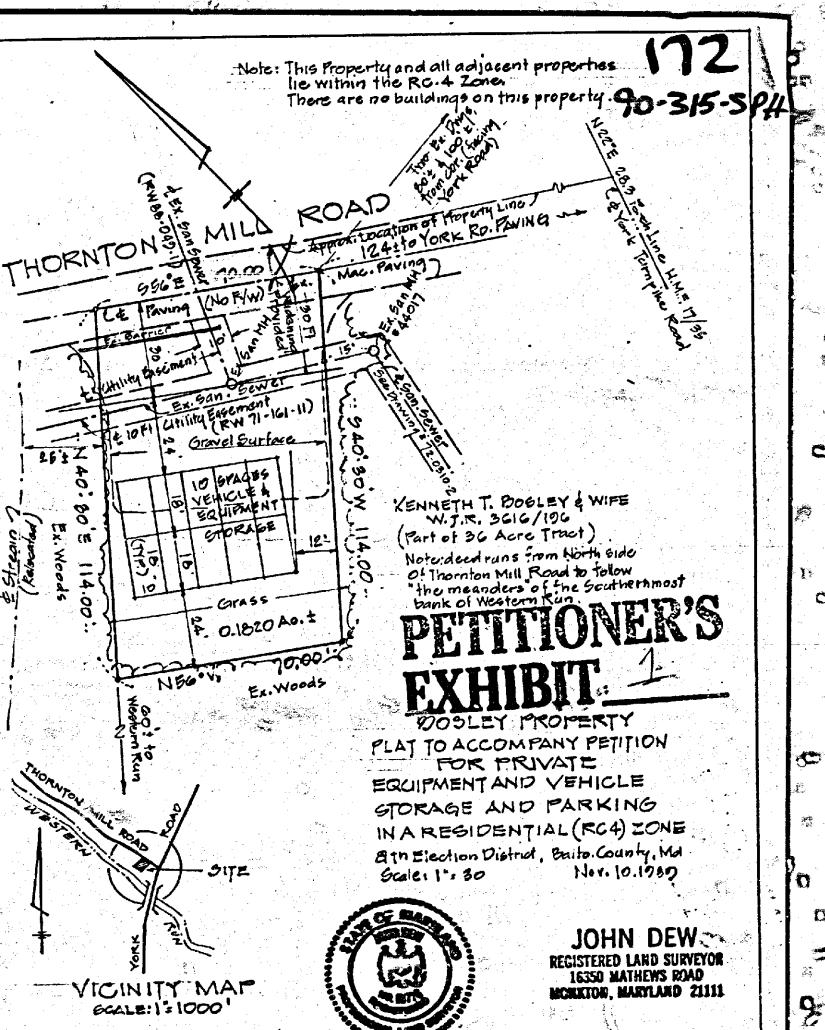
the center of said Thornton Mill Road Paving; thence binding thereon South 56 degrees East 70.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 0.1820 Acres of Land, more or less.

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Baltimore County Zoning Commission February 6, 1990 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: I, Don Riley, am owner of the property located at 13814 and 13816 York Rd. which is adjacent to the lot subject of this hearing. I have no objection to this lot being zoned commercial for parking commercial vehicles owned by County Tree Experts, which is an essential business of this area. This lot had been I am submitting this statement as I am unable to appear Donald E.Riley, Sr. \$14625 Thornton Mill Road Parka, Maryland 21152

J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Special Hearing (, 2-315-SPH, #172) SW/S Thorton Mill toad, 124' NW of 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

Dear Mr. Haines,

Towson, Maryland 21204

The Greater Sparks Glencce Community Council (GSGCC) has The Greater Sparks Glencoe Community Council (GSGCC) has reviewed the issue of parking commercial vehicles on the "Thornton mill" property owned by Kenneth T. Bosley and has determined that the granting of this request would be contrary to existing zoning the granting of this request would be contrary to existing zoning that would have potential negative environmental impacts, is not law, would have potential negative environmental impacts, is not compatible with the 2C zoning of this area, and could impair compatible with the 2C zoning of this area, and could impair property values within the surrounding neighborhoods. Therefore, property values within the surrounding neighborhoods. Therefore, be denied by the Zoning Commissioner. be denied by the Zoning Commissioner.

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (Bill No. 18, 1976; Bill No. 218, 1980) defines "... land used or intended to be used primarily...for truck or truck-trailer parking or storage" as a Trucking Facility, Class II. Due to the fact that this use of the property would classify it in this manner, the following regulations would apply:

a. Paragraph 410A.2 states that "No Class II trucking facility or part thereof (including any access point or driveway)...may be located within 200 feet of a wetland ... This property is adjacent to Western Run and in a flood plain. Trucks parked on this property would be only a few feet from Western Run.

b. Paragraph 410A.3.A.1 states that "Any point of access to a p. raragraph elua.s.a.i states that any point or access to a public street must be on a public industrial service road, on a public street must be on an arterial street." Thornton Mill major collector street, or on an arterial street. Thornton Mill major collector street, or on an arterial street. Thornton Mill major collector street, or on an arterial street. requirements.

c. Paragraph 410A.3.B.1 states that "... the net area of the lot must be at least 5 acres and its diametral dimension must be at least 150 feet." This property does not meet this requirement.

d. Paragraph 410A.3.B.4 states that the site "...must be surrounded by security fencing at least 6 feet high" and "...the site as a whole must be enclosed by opaque fencing, walls, or site as a whole must be enclosed by opaque fencing,

living screen planting to visually screen the use and its accessory uses from residential zones, from residential premises...". This property is situated in a very deep valley area which would make it nearly impossible to screen its use from the surrounding residential properties. Also, the dimensions of the site would make it extremely difficult to install the security fencing and visual arriers and still have adequate and for the proper movement of vehicles.

e. Paragraph 410A.3.B.6 states that "All parking, loading, maneuvering, and storage areas must be paved...". This site is not paved and any attempt to provide paving would most probably cause environmental damage to Western Run.

f. Paragraph 410A.3.B.7 states that "Proper drainage of the entire site must be provided for". This site currently drains directly into Western Run and has been turned to into mud by the current parking of trucks on the property. This mud will either wash into Western Run or be brought onto Thornton Mill Road by the truck tires.

g. Paragraph 410A.3.B.8 states that "Adequate rest-room facilities (for both sexes), a drivers' room, and telephone service for the truck drivers and other personnel must be provided on the site". These facilities do not exist on the site and it is probably impractical, if not impossible, to provide them in an effective manner.

Environmental and safety issues associated with the use of this site as a trucking facility are also of great concern to GSGCC. Trucking facilities can potentially be the source of gasoline and oil leaks or spills from the vehicles stored on the site. Since Western Run is a major freder of the Loch Raven Reservoir, the potential for the leakage of petroleum products onto the property would be an intolerable situation. The property is also on a flood plain and the property is known to flood frequently. A major flood on this site would cause the vehicles and any other equipment or material stored on the property to be swept into Western Run, causing significant environmental and property damage and health and safety risks. The access of Thornton Mill Road onto York Road is not compatible with heavy commercial truck usage. The addition of a trucking facility into this area will definitely cause a safety problem for those people travelling on both York and Thornton Mill Roads.

A trucking facility in this area would most definitely have an adverse impact on the property values of the surrounding community. A trucking facility is not compatible with the nature of RC zoning the surrounding land uses in this area. The Baltimore County Master Plan designates this area along Western Run as a scenic corridor. The addition of a trucking facility on this site would be in conflict with, and contrary to the spirit of, the Master

Based upon the issues and information stated above, GSGCC believes that the approval of this request to allow the usage of this property as a Trucking Facility, Class II would be inappropriate and contrary to existing zoning and environmental regulation as well as potentially injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the surrounding communities.

> Very truly yours, (1) Kronard JOHN G. LEONARD, JR Zoning Committee Chairman Greater Sparks Glencoe Community Council 29 Chesterfield Ct. Monkton, Md. 21111

Pela. Hotel Zoning Coordinator GSGCC Southeast District 831 Walters Lane Sparks, Md. 21152

w/Enclosures

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GREATER SPARKS-GLENCOE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 396 • Sparks, Maryland 21152

EAHIBIT 2

Mr. Robert J. Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case #90-315-SPH

Dear Commissioner Haines:

This letter is to express our strong opposition to the request for granting a special exception to allow parking of cars, trucks, and other commercial vehicles on the property located on the southwest corner of the intersection of York and Thornton Mill Roads.

This opposition stems from our concern for the natural environment and because the property in question is located immediately adjacent to Western Run, a major tributary to Loch Raven reservoir which ultimately supplies potable water to about 70% of the Baltimore metropolitan area.

I visited and photographed the property in question on February 1, 1990 and determined that there are several vehicles, trucks, cars, a mobile home, a motorcycle, and hydraulic tree-working equipment already parked on the site. It appears that several of these vehicles are not in running condition. In particular, there is one stake-body truck loaded with trash, tires and wheels, junk auto and truck parts, with oil and grease leaking down through the broken truck bed onto the ground underneath the truck. These vechicles are all parked on the 100year flood plain, and the trash, etc. can get into the Western Run after a heavy rain. Furthermore, waste oil, grease, and hydraulic fluid are already seeping into the ground and will ultimately enter the ground and/or surface waters which are closeby.

We feel that this use of the property is environmentally unacceptable and should not be allowed, and further that the owner should be required to move the sources of these potential pollutants off the flood plain, clean up the debris and junk, and otherwise ensure that the environment. suffers no further ecological damage.

> Respectfully submitted, James R. Edmin S. 2 James R. Edmunds, IV Chairman, Environment Committee

Enc: photos cc: two

Case Nr. 90-315-5PM View of property showing Thousand Mill Re foreground,
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Juning notice sign at left, trucks of cars, mobile home, she
Wester Run is rear boundary of property. PROTESTANT'S

EXHIBIT 3A

Looking south at western edge of parking area, showing drawings into a feeler stream that flows into Western Run EXHIBIT FEE-08-1990 10:14 FROM Jerome J. Seidenman P.A. TO Matthew I. Lynn 14305 Thornton Mill Road Sparks, Maryland 21152 H-(301) 472-9125 W-(301) 627-2080

February 6, 1990

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towers, MD 21204

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90-315-SPH BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TO Mr. Robert J. Haines Zoning Commissioner

FROM Mr. Donald C. Outen, Chief, Bureau of Water Quality & Resource Management

SUBJECT Kenneth I. Bosley Property
Zoning Item #172

if an enforcement action is warranted.

DCO:GS:sp

cc: Mr. Rocky Powell

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Current Department of Environmental Protection and Resource

Management regulations require that a Forest Buffer Easement (FBE) be

imposed on any site containing streams, wetlands and/or floodplains which is submitted for development review. As a result of imposing the F.B.E.,

the entire site in question would be restricted by the DEPRM from develop-

ment or other use (ie no grading or building permits for this site will be approved by DEPRM). Because of this, this Bureau of DEPRM recommends

denial of the special exception to allow parking of commercial vehicles on this site. It was observed that this site has been built on fill

in the floodplain of Western Run and research is being done to determine

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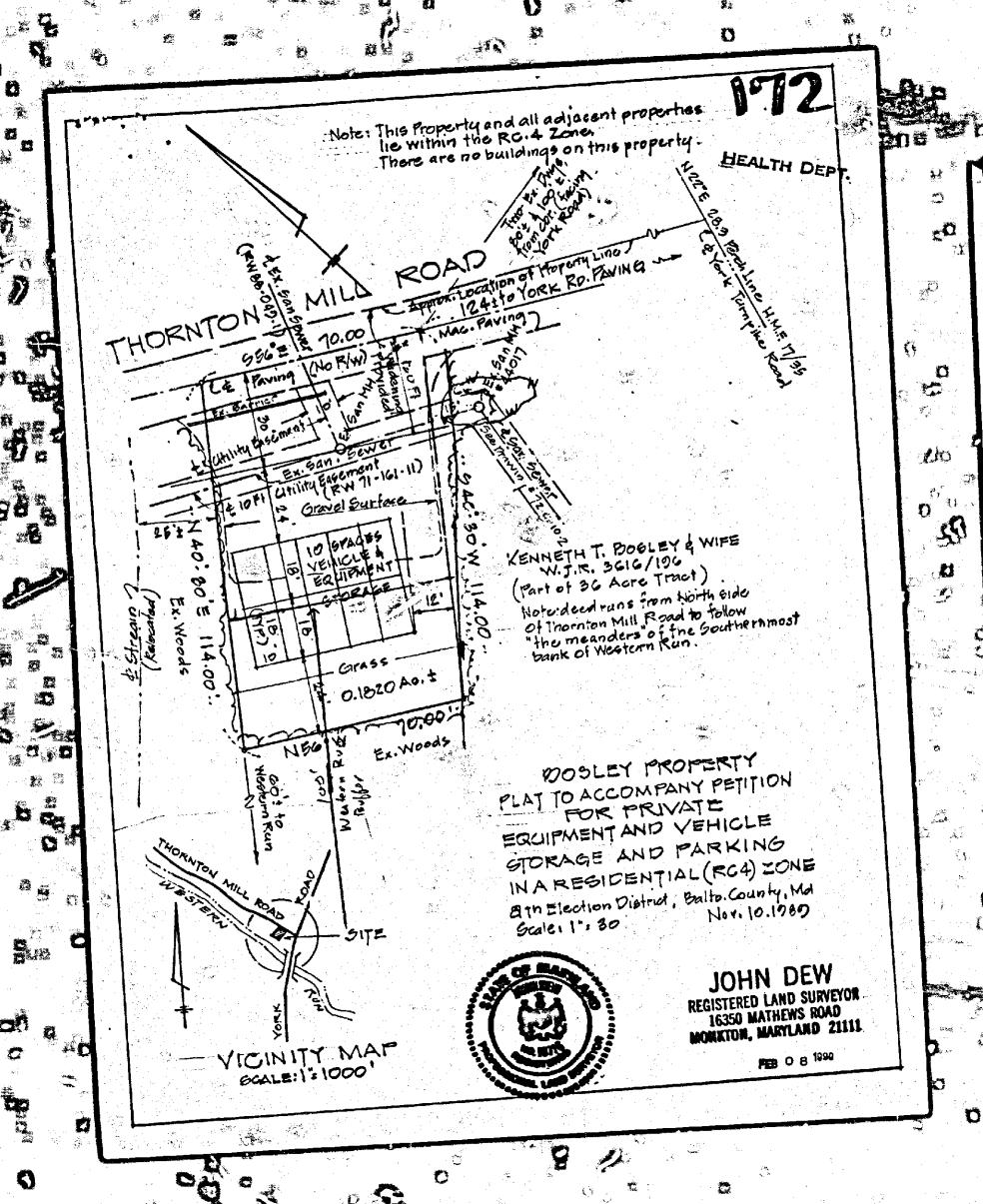
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PROTESTANT'S. EXHIBIT 5

February 7, 1990

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BALTIMORE COUN

Zoning Commissioner .

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

Kenneth T. Bosley, et ux., legal owner; Bennie R. DeLander, T/A County Tree Experts, contract lessee, Item 172 SUBJECT: Zoning Petition No. 90-315

The Petitioners request a Special Hearing to approve parking of commercial vehicles on the Thornton Mill Road property by a determination from the Zoning Commissioner.

In reference to this request, staff offers the following

- comments: - The site is bounded by Thornton Mill Road to the north, Woodland and the Western Run (60' from subject property) to the south, and R.C.-4 zoned land to the east and west.
 - The Petitioner's property lies within the R.C.-4 (Watershed Protection) zone. Sec. 1A03.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations states:
 - "The County Council finds that major, high-quality sources of water supply for the entire Baltimore metropolitan area and for other neighboring jurisdictions lie within Baltimore County and that continuing development in the critical watersheds of those water-supply sources is causing increased pollution and sedimentation in the impoundments, resulting in increasing water-treatment costs and decreasing waterstorage capacity. The R.C. 4 zoning classification and its regulations are established to provide for the protection of the water supplies of metropolitan Baltimore and neighboring jurisdictions by preventing contamination through unsuitable types or levels of development in their watersheds."
 - The proposed use meets the definitions of a contractor's equipment storage yard, which is defined in Section 101 as: "The use of any space, whether inside or outside a building, for storage or keeping of contractor's

Kenneth T. Bosley, Item 172 January 11, 1990

> equipment or machinery, including building materials storage, construction equipment storage, or landscaping equipment and associated materials."

A contractor's equipment storage yard is permitted in a B.R. zone by Special Exception and the M.L. and M.H. zone by right. These zones allow the most intensive uses permitted.

At this time, the Petitioner cannot utilize the subject property unless the Special Hearing is granted, since the property is ineligible for reclassification. Section 1A03.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations outlines criterions which must be met and certified by a registered professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or land surveyor. In particular, one criterion that must be met addresses parcels that lie within 300 ft. of any first or second order or greater stream that flows directly into a public water reservoir. Clearly, the subject property could not be reclassified because it is located as close as 60 ft. to the Western Run, which flows directly into a public reservoir, and is a second order or greater stream.

Staff recommends that the Petitioner's request be denied for the following reasons:

- 1. The parcel is zoned R.C.-4 and Section 1A03.1 plainly indicates that the R.C.-4 zoning classification was established to protect the water supplies of Metropolitan Baltimore and neighboring jurisdictions by preventing contamination through unsuitable development. The proposed use is certainly unsuitable due to its proximity to the Western Run.
- 2. The vicinity surrounding the site is used primarily for large lot single-family residential and agriculture.
- 3. The proposed use, in the opinion of staff, is consistent with the definition of a contractor's equipment storage yard. This particular use was never intended to be permitted in a R.C.-4 zone.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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THE APPLICATION OF COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A SPECIAL HEARING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH * WEST SIDE THORNTON MILL ROAD, BALTIMORE COUNTY 124' NORTHWEST OF CENTERLINE OF YORK ROAD * CASE NO. 90-315-SPH 8TH ELECTION DISTRICT 3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT OPINION

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(Use Regulations), he further emphasized that the zoning classification does not permit such a use, even by special exception, and that there is no zoning regulation permitting a "casual usa." The property is ineligible for reclassification.

Although there are numerous uses permitted as of right or by special exception in R.C. 4 zones, testimony in this case unquestionably stresses that the entire site would be restricted from development because of its location, and in particular, for the parking of commercial vehicles. The location of the subject site within 300 feet of a stream that flows into a public water reservoir is one criterion among others that makes the requested use unsuitable.

For the reasons indicated above, the Board will deny the Petition for Special Hearing and will so order.

IT IS THEREFORE this 7 day of Wynt, 1991 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County ORDERED that the Petition for Special Hearing to use .182 acre for parking commercial vehicles in an R.C. 4 zone be and the same is hereby

Any appeal from this decision must be made in accordance with Rules B-1 through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

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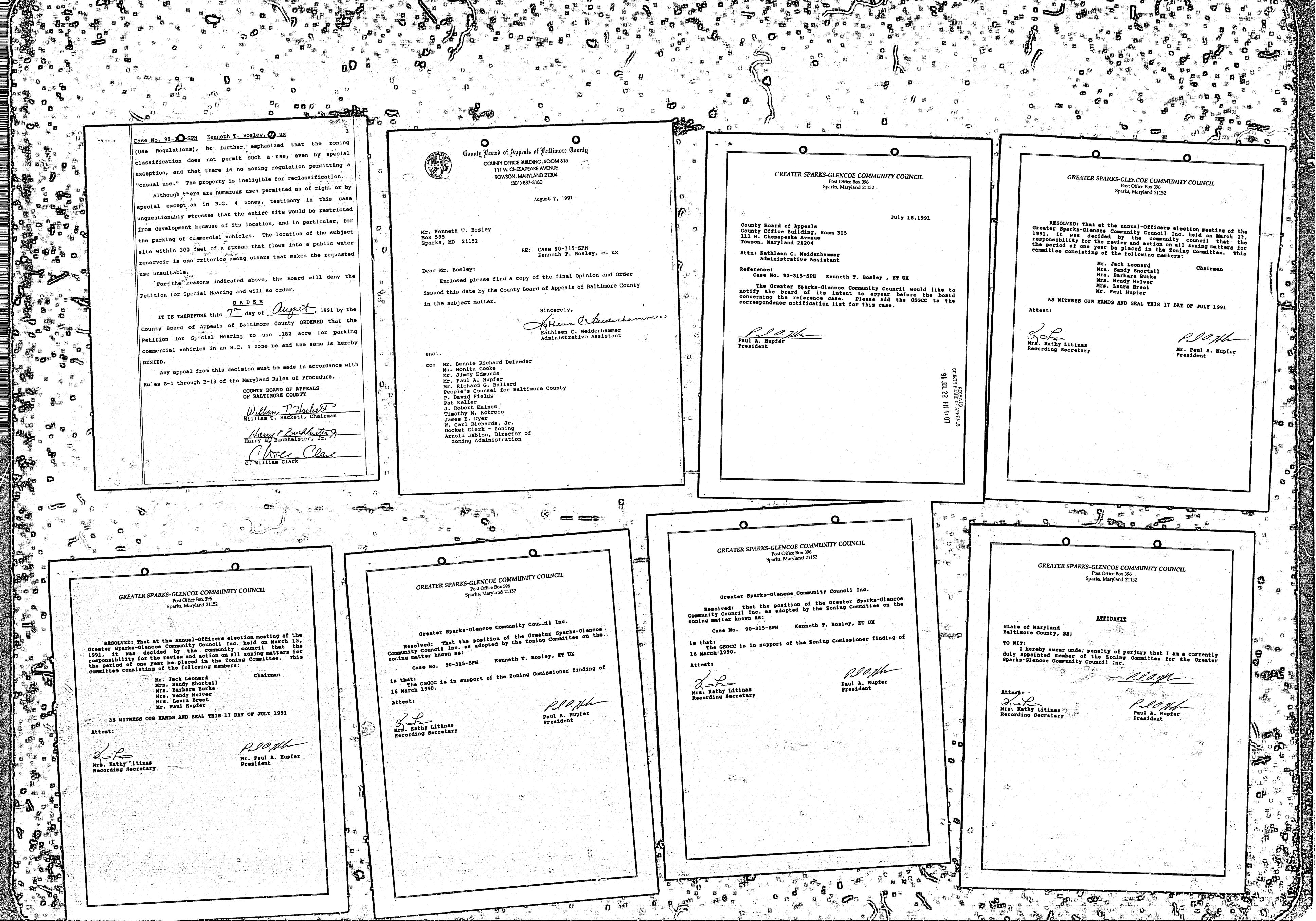
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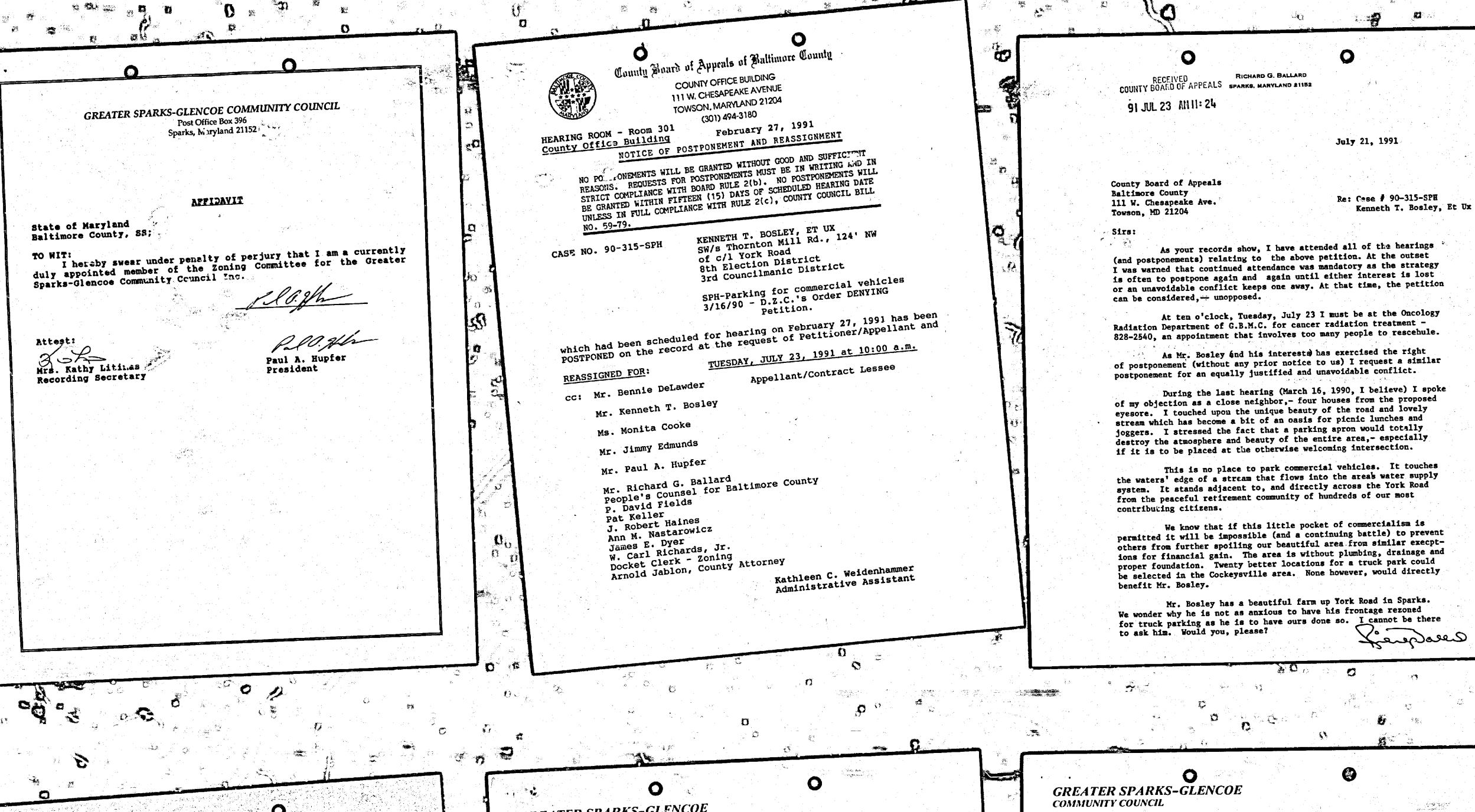
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County Board of Appeals Baltimore County 111 W. Chesareake Ave. Re: Case # 90-315-SPH Towson, MD 21204 Kenneth T. Bosley, Et Ux As your records show, I have attended all of the hearings : (and postponements) relating to the above petition. At the outset I was warned that continued attendance was mandatory as the strategy is often to postpone again and again until either interest is lost or an unavoidable conflict keeps one away. At that time, the petition can be considered, -- unopposed. At ten o'clock, Tuesday, July 23 I must be at the Oncology Radiation Department of G.B.M.C. for cancer radiation treatment -828-2540, an appointment that involves too many people to rescehule. As Mr. Bosley and his interests has exercised the right of postponement (without any prior notice to us) I request a similar postponement for an equally justified and unavoidable conflict. During the last hearing (March 16, 1990, I believe) I spoke of my objection as a close neighbor, - four houses from the proposed eyesore. I touched upon the unique beauty of the road and lovely stream which has become a bit of an oasis for picnic lunches and joggers. I stressed the fact that a parking apron would totally destroy the atmosphere and beauty of the entire area, - especially of if it is to be placed at the otherwise welcoming intersection. This is no place to park commercial vehicles. It touches the waters' edge of a stream that flows into the areas water supply system. It stands adjacent to, and directly across the York Road from the peaceful retirement community of hundreds of our most contributing citizens. We know that if this little pocket of commercialism is permitted it will be impossible (and a continuing battle) to prevent others from further spoiling our beautiful area from similar execptions for financial gain. The area is without plumbing, drainage and proper foundation. Twenty better locations for a truck park could be selected in the Cockeysville area. None however, would directly Mr. Bosley has a beautiful farm up York Road in Sparks. We wonder why he is not as anxious to have his frontage rezoned for truck parking as he is to have ours done so. I cannot be there to ask him. Would you, please? assayasay

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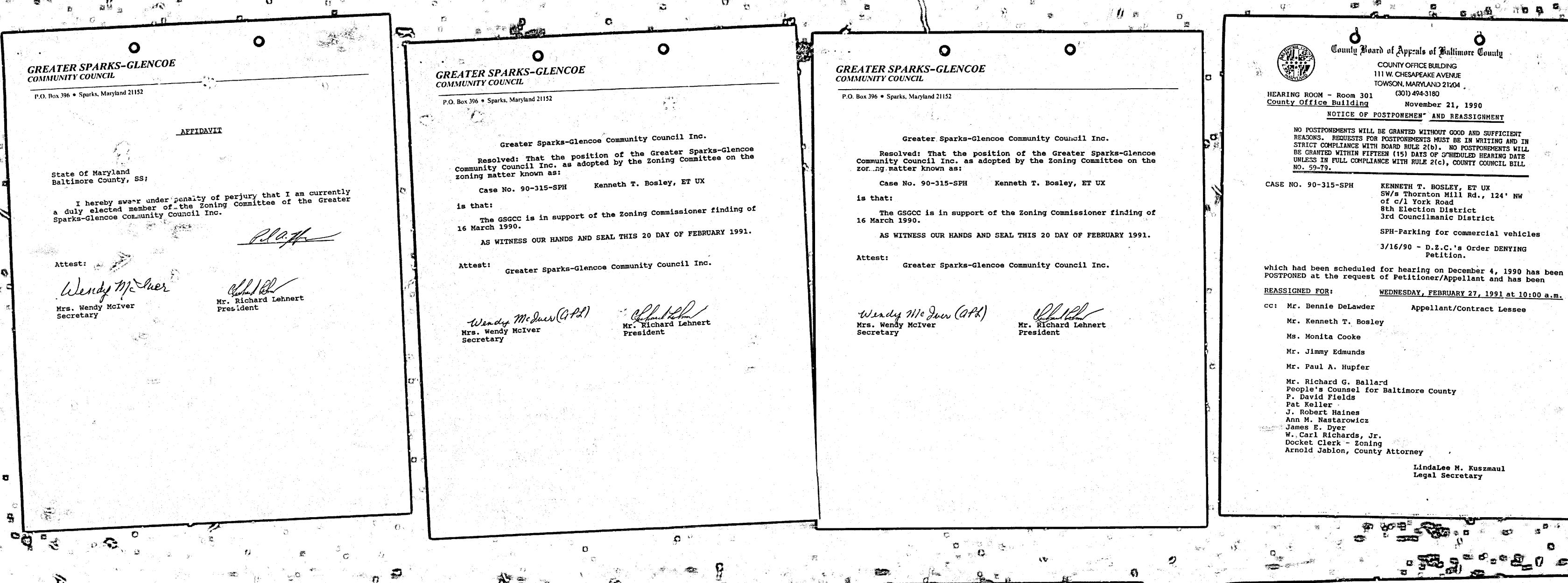
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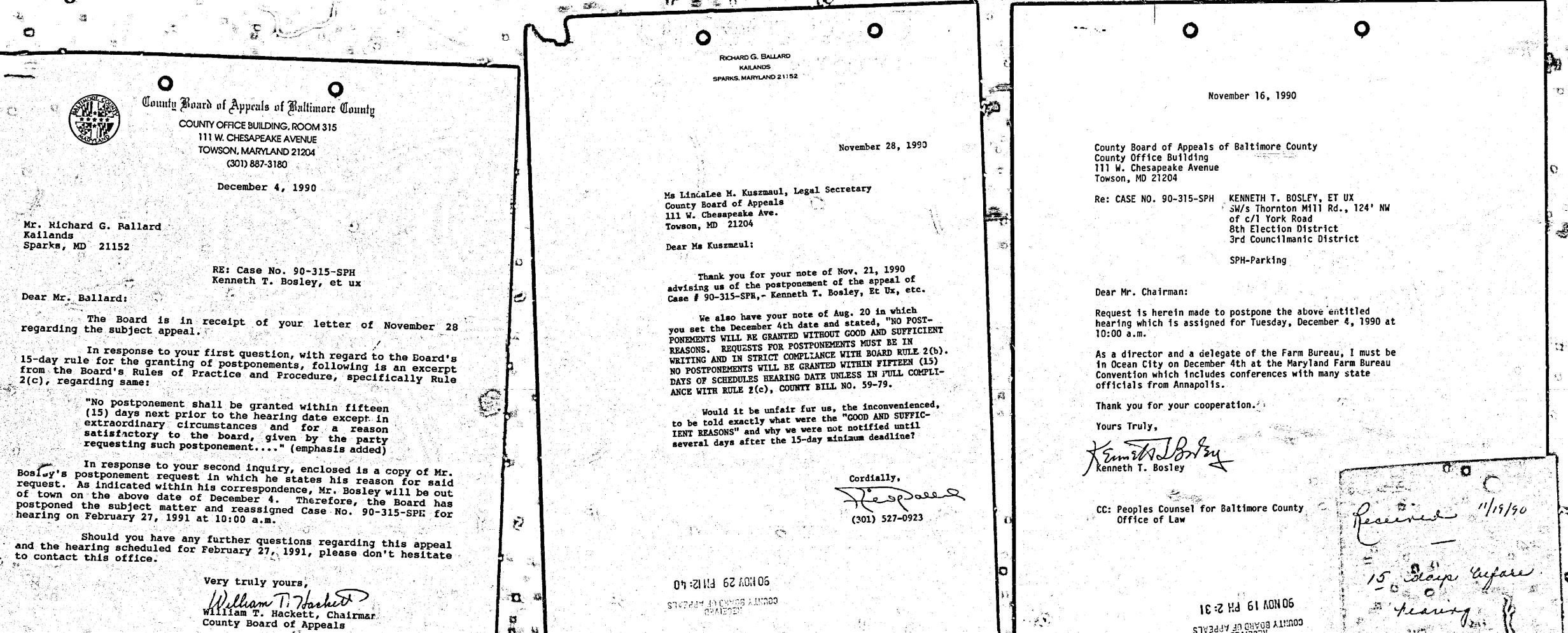
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